IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification at the locations specified below.

Please amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 14 and 15, with the following:

Fig. 17 is a cross-sectional view of the saw cover taken along a line B-B in Fig. [[16]]15;

Please amend the paragraph at page 12, lines 3-6, with the following:

Fig. 38 is a schematic cross sectional view of a portable electronic circular saw according to a fifth embodiment of the present invention with a shield member [[is]]at a non-shielding position;

Please amend the paragraph at page 14, line 25 to page 16, line 2, with the following:

As shown in Figs. 1-3, the portable electric circular saw of the present embodiment includes a motor 1, a housing 2, a handle 3, a saw blade 4, a saw cover 5, a base 6, and a fan 7. The motor 1 drives the saw blade 4 to rotate. The housing supports and houses the motor 1. The handle 3 is formed integral with the housing 2 or linked to the housing 2 as a separate member. A user can turn ON and OFF the motor 1 through operation on a switch 3a of the handle 3. The saw cover 5 is attached to the housing 2 and has a saw blade housing section 5a. The saw blade 4 has a fan-side lateral surface facing the fan 7 and a housing-section-side lateral surface facing the saw blade housing section 5a. The saw blade housing section 5a partially houses the upper half peripheral portion of the saw blade 4 and the fan-side lateral surface of the saw blade 4. The

base 6 is linked to the housing 2 by the saw cover 5 and has a bottom surface 6a that slides on a cutting object. The base 6 is formed with an opening 6b through which the saw blade 4 is projected downward beyond the surface 6a. The fan 7 is fixed to an output shaft la of the motor 1 so that the fan 7 rotates as the motor 1 drives to rotate. The rotation of the fan 7 generates fanned air to cool the motor 1. As shown in Fig. 15, fanned air discharge ports 5c are formed in a wall of the saw cover 5 located between the fan 7 and the saw blade housing section 5a for discharging the fanned air from the housing 2 into the saw blade housing section 5a. The fanned air discharge ports [[5a]]5c are defined by a plurality of division walls 5d.

Please amend the paragraph at page 31, lines 5-15, with the following:

The fanned air discharge ports 5c are defined by a plurality of division walls 5d arranged in the saw cover 5. The division walls 5d may be formed either integrally with or separate from the saw cover 5. As shown in Fig. 3, each division wall 5d has the width Ll that is about 1/3 of the width L of the gear casing part of the saw cover 5 in the axial direction of the output shaft la. The fanned air discharge ports [[5a]]5c have a radial dimension that allows the outer peripheries of the vanes of the fan 7 to be located within the fanned air discharge ports 5c with respect to the radial direction of the output shaft la.

Please amend the specification at page 50, lines 21-25, with the following:

As described above, because the inclined wall surface 105j is provided to the saw cover 105 for guiding the fanned air toward the opening [[106c]]106b of the base 106, saw dust can be prevented effectively from accumulating on the cutting object without increasing the number of components.